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TO: General Counsel  
FROM: Task Force  
SUBJECT: Effective EOD Date of New Overseas Appointees

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In reference to your conversation of a few days ago with Mr. [REDACTED], we are forwarding a copy of a memorandum from the Chief of the Audit Division to the Deputy Comptroller dated 5 May and a draft of a procedure we propose to recommend to the Senior Review Committee. Informal coordination with the Director of Personnel, Chief of the Finance Division and Chief of the Audit Division indicates that the procedure outlined in the draft would be acceptable subject to certain legal determinations. It is requested, therefore, that your office furnish opinions to the Task Force on the two questions raised in the memorandum signed by Mr. [REDACTED]. Those questions are essentially: (1) Is the Agency legally required to start salary coincident with the start of travel, and (2) What is the legal relationship between the appointee and the Agency during the period of travel time to report for duty if the individual is appointed at home but is not put on pay status until entrance on duty in Washington? This second question, of course, is primarily concerned with line of duty, injury and death benefits.

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The Task Force is taking this means of referring the problem to your office rather than having it come through the Senior Review Committee for the reason that it appears the recommended procedure would be accepted by that Committee subject to the legal findings and we can, therefore, save some time and certainly some discussion by having determined the answers to these questions prior to the first meeting on the paper.

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